



# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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◆ **The EHRS Project Update:** The Medgate EHRS is entering its final configuration stages for the initial roll-out at Stennis Space Center. Formal system testing will be completed by April 3, 2009. The initial demographic data feed has been approved and on April 26 we expect final approval from the OCIO to deploy the system. Tentatively, training will be provided to the Stennis Clinic and Industrial Hygiene staff the week of May 4, with go-live later in May or early June. The Stennis Clinic leadership team will present lessons learned as the initial implementation site and there will be a full-day demonstration of the EHRS Medical modules at the NASA Occupational Health Meeting in Cleveland, July 13-17, 2009. Plan to join us there and learn about the Medgate system and how it will work for you!



◆ **Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth 2009:** The engagement data reflects employee participation including JSC's (3,687 out of 4,817). A presentation on their efforts is scheduled for the September HPW VITS where we'll learn about their coordinated efforts with the Contractor population. Cohort numbers are on the rise but we have yet to reach the 1,500 participation mark whereby MayoClinic can analyze the data. Until then, please continue with your Center-specific communication and outreach.

4,817 Total Health Assessments completed  
 1,384 Civil Service Employees  
 3,308 Contract Employees  
 125 Other, Spouse, Children



My Weight Solution (MWS) Campaign was launched on March 23 with an end date of May 25, 2009. The *EmbodyHealth* home page was constructed for easy access to the MWS module. Visit the Mayo Clinic Report Suite to keep abreast of your Center participation and Health Assessment data. For access information please contact [Mae Hafizi](#).

## ◆ 2009 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting

**Update:** The Meeting plans are being finalized and the registration page will be open soon for the annual meeting held this year at the [NASA Safety Center \(NSC\)](#) in Cleveland, OH July 13-17. The meeting Headquarters will be at the [Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel](#). Each individual guest must make their own reservations by calling the hotel's toll free number 800-228-9290 or 216-252-5333. All attendees must identify themselves as a participant attending the 2009 NASA Occupational Health Meeting. Hotel room rate is \$110.00 + tax (government room rate). The last date to reserve rooms is Monday, June 22, 2009. The meeting agenda, registration and additional information will be available in April on the [NASA OH Website](#). We are hopeful many of you will make plans to attend!



◆ **AIHCE 2009, Are You Attending?:** The [2009 American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Expo \(AIHce\)](#) is scheduled for May 30 – June 4, in Toronto, Canada. Even with tight budgets and current conference restrictions the AIHCE remains a solid investment that can result in immediate and longer term benefits. Now is a time that everyone is looking to make their dollar stretch as far as it can go, and the 2009 AIHce has the lowest registration fees compared to other national OEHS conferences. If you are planning on attending and have not already done so, please notify [Bart](#) and [Guy](#). We plan on having a no-host informal gathering on the evening of Sunday, May 31, location TBD.



◆ **Trouble Maintaining your CIH?** For years the Agency office has sponsored training events, such as the annual NASA OH Meeting that have been approved for [American Board of Industrial Hygiene \(ABIH\)](#) Continuing Maintenance Points. This has been done with the intent that maintaining a competent staff is a critical component of a successful EH program. To help everyone maintain their CIHs we have developed a [webpage](#) which consolidates and rearranges information from the ABIH in a user friendly manner.

◆ **Health Physics Training Opportunity:** OCHMO is pleased to help sponsor [five days of nonionizing](#) (laser, RF, and nonlaser optical) radiation safety training at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL during the week of April 13, 2009. There is no cost for this training and it is open to all NASA and contractor personnel who have responsibilities for nonionizing radiation safety. The week will start with three days of laser safety officer (LSO) training which will include an overview of health effects of overexposure, maximum permissible exposure (MPE) limits, hazard evaluation and classification, non-beam hazards, accidents and incidents, laser standards (legal requirements and applicable Z136 consensus standards) and control measures. The section on hazard evaluation will involve determination of MPEs, nominal hazard zones (NHZ), and optical density (OD). Philip Brown RSO/LSO at MSFC is the point of contact for more information and registration. Contact [Philip](#) by email or by phone (256) 544-5738 as soon as possible to reserve your spot in this comprehensive course.



## ◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- May 11 – 15 Johnson Space Center

## ◆ Upcoming Occupational Health VITS:

- Fitness – April 7, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Environmental Health – April 8, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Workers' Comp – May 5, 11:00-12:00 PM EDT
- Health Physics – May 6, 10:30-12:30 PM EDT

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